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SUBJ: IRANIAN HELICOPTERS TO PAKISTAN

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1. SHAH TOLD AMBASSADOR AUGUST 28, IRAN WAS PROVIDING PAKISTAN WITH "ABOUT 6" HELICOPTERS FOR USE IN BALUCHISTAN. SHAH WAS VAGUE AS TO NUMBERS BUT INDICATED ABOUT TWO EACH 205S, 206S AND CHINOOKS HAD BEEN SENT. HE SAID THEY WERE FULLY ARMED AND MANNED WITH IRANIAN CREWS. AIRCRAFT WOULD PROVIDE AN EARNEST OF IRAN'S WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST GOP IN ITS BALUCHI DIFFICULTIES. EXERCISE WOULD ALSO PROVIDE USEFUL EXPERIENCE FOR IRANIAN TROOPS.

2. MAAG HAD REPORT LAST WEEK 10 HELICOPTERS (5 EACH 205S AND 206S) WERE BEING READIED FOR LONG JOURNEY. TWO OF EACH MODEL HAVE DE-

PARTED, SUPPOSEDLY FOR PAKISTAN, WHILE SIX OTHERS REMAIN IN
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TRAINING AT ISFAHAN. HELICOPTERS ARE EQUIPPED WITH FOUR MACHINE

GUNS AND TWO 2.5 ROCKET LAUNCHERS EACH.

3. AS KARACHI HAS REPORTED PRESENCE OF IRANIAN CHINOOKS KNOWN TO NEWSMAN, IT SEEMS ONLY MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THIS STORY REACHES PRESS. TO HAVE INDIANS FIRST LEARN NEWS IN POSSIBLY DISTORTED PUBLIC VERSION WOULD ONLY INCREASE THEIR SUSPICIONS OF IRANIAN-PAK COMBINATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS OBJECTION IS PERCEIVED, WE WILL SUGGEST TO FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT IRAN INFORM INDIA OF WHAT IT IS DOING TO ASSIST PAKISTAN IN COMBATTING SECESSIONIST ELEMENTS. INDIANS, WHO PROFESS TO BE STRONG SUPPORTERS OF PAK UNITY, COULD HARDLY OBJECT.
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